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SUBJECT: CHAVAN SPEAKS TO THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATIVE  
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1. IN ADDITION TO THOSE REMARKS REPORTED IN REFTEL, DE-TAILED ACCOUNTS NOW AVAILABLE PRESENT A MORE COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER CHAVAN'S REMARKS TO THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JUNE 18.

2. UNITED STATES: SEVERAL MPS QUESTIONED CHAVAN ON DIEGO GARCIA LINKING CRITICAL INQUIRIES TO THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE EXPANSION. CHAVAN REPLIED THAT INDIA'S VIEWS WERE WELL KNOWN. INDIA OPPOSED ANY FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN THE REGION. HE ASSERTED THAT ALL LITTORAL STATES WISHED THE INDIAN OCEAN TO BE A ZONE OF PEACE FREE FROM BIG POWER RIVALRY.

3. INDOCHINA: THE MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT OF THE LAST THREE UNCLASSIFIED

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MONTHS WAS THE SERVIES OF DEVELOPMENTS IN INDOCHINA. THESE

DEVELOPMENTS WERE IN HARMONY WITH INDIA'S ASSESSMENT. CHAVAN WELCOMED THE STRENGTHENING OF NATIONALISM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THESE COUNTRIES WHERE STRONG NATIONALIST GOVERNMENTS EMERGED. HE NOTED THE ALLEGIANCE TO THE POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT BY THESE COUNTRIES WAS DOUBLY WELCOME. HE SAID INDIA WOULD ENDEAVOR TO ASSIST THESE COUNTRIES WITHIN INDIA'S CAPACITY IN THE TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. SEVERAL MPS WERE CRITICAL OF THE DELAY IN APPOINTING INDIAN AMBASSADORS IN SAIGON AND PHNOM PENH. CHAVAN SAID THE APPOINTMENTS WOULD BE MADE AS SOON AS THE TRANSFORMATION FROM MILITARY TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION WAS COMPLETE AND THE GOVERNMENTS WERE IN A POSITION TO RECEIVE AMBASSADORS.

4. THE SUB CONTINENT: REAL PROGRESS OF NORMALIZATION IN THE SUB-CONTINENT REQUIRES NOT ONLY NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN, BUT PAKISTAN SHOULD ALSO SETTLE ITS DIFFERENCE WITH BANGLADESH. THE PROGRESS OF NORMALIZATION WAS NATURALLY CIRCUMSCRIBED BY PAKISTAN'S ACQUIRING MORE AND MORE WEAPONS TO INCREASE ITS MILITARY STRENGTH AND THE LACK OF ADEQUATE RESPONSE BY PAKISTAN TO INDIAN INITIATIVES. CHAVAN SAID INDIA HAD TAKEN REPEATED INITIATIVES SINCE SIMLA ALTHOUGH PAKISTAN HAS NOT RESPONDED WITH LIKE ENTHUSIASM FOR GENUINE NORMALIZATION. REFERRING TO THE INCONCLUSIVE CIVIL AIR TALKS IN NEW DELHI, CHAVAN SAID THE DOOR WAS NOT CLOSED TO A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND THE TALKS WOULD CONTINUE. CHAVAN SAID THE RECENT AGREEMENT WITH BANGLADESH ON FARAKKA MARKED A GOOD BEGINNING. HE ADDED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE DETERMINED TO SOLVE ANY PROBLEM BETWEEN THEM IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION AND FRIENDSHIP.

5. FOREGOING BASED ON PRESS ACCOUNTS. THERE IS NO VARIANCE IN CHAVAN'S REMARKS FROM PREVIOUS GOI POSITIONS. SCHNEIDER

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